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December 18, 2003

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*Incoming  
C/007/0038  
Task ID 1788*

Re: **Refuse Pile Redesign and Postmining Land Use Change for Price River Water Improvement District Industrial Use, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, C/007/038, Carbon County, Utah**

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is herewith submitting its permit change for the redesign of the refuse pile and for a land use change, on 46.2 acres, to industrial for the use by the Price River Water Improvement District (PRWID).

The refuse pile redesign is superior to the existing design and is one that will cause the refuse material to be reshaped so that the side slopes create a channel in the center of the pile which is more typical of a canyon. By reshaping the pile in such a manner, an extra foot of growth media is available for placement over the non-toxic and non-acid forming coal waste.

Reshaping of the refuse pile is scheduled to commence in January as per the attached plan and as we discussed during our meetings. PMC received the Division's letter allowing the reshaping activities and it will keep all activities within the disturbed area and maintain drainage and sediment control.

The industrial postmining land use will facilitate the use of the preparation plant and associated made-lands, raw water pond, pump houses, warehouse/lab/office, and substation by PRWID for their immediate and future needs. A letter of intent is provided within this document with the legal agreements forthcoming.

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PMC would like to post the public notice for the land use change as soon as possible, so timely approval to publish would be appreciated. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas  
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosure

# APPLICATION FOR COAL PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change ☒ New Permit ☐ Renewal ☐ Exploration ☐ Bond Release ☐ Transfer ☐

**Permittee:** Plateau Mining Corporation

**Mine:** Willow Creek Mine

**Permit Number:** C/007/038

**Title:** Refuse Pile Redesign and Industrial Post Mining Land Use Change for Price River Water Improvement District

**Description:** Include reason for application and timing required to implement:

To facilitate an industrial use of the preparation plant area by the Price River Water Improvement District.

**Instructions:** If you answer yes to any of the first eight (gray) questions, this application may require Public Notice publication.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? Acres: ____ Disturbed Area: ____ <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO# ____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 3. Does the application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 4. Does the application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 5. Does the application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | 6. Does the application require or include public notice publication?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # ____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies?  |
| <i>Explain:</i> _____   |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | 11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2)                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | 15. Does the application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | 16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | 17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | 18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | 19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps or calculation?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | 21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 22. Does the application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | 23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?   |

**Please attach four (4) review copies of the application. If the mine is on or adjacent to Forest Service land please submit five (5) copies, thank you.** (These numbers include a copy for the Price Field Office)

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein.

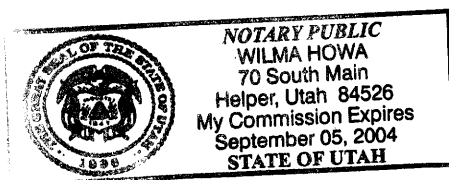
JOHNNY PAPPAS  
Print Name

[Signature] - Sr. Env. Engineer - 12/18/03  
Sign Name, Position, Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003

Wilma Howa  
Notary Public

My commission Expires: 9/5, 2004  
Attest: State of Utah } ss:  
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## Detailed Schedule Of Changes to the Mining And Reclamation Plan

**Permittee:** Plateau Mining Corporation

**Mine:** Willow Creek Mine

Permit Number: C/007/038

**Title:** Refuse Pile Redesign and Industrial Post Mining Land Use Change for Price River Water Improvement District

Provide a detailed listing of all changes to the Mining and Reclamation Plan, which is required as a result of this proposed permit application. Individually list all maps and drawings that are added, replaced, or removed from the plan. Include changes to the table of contents, section of the plan, or other information as needed to specifically locate, identify and revise the existing Mining and Reclamation Plan. Include page, section and drawing number as part of the description.

### DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIAL TO BE CHANGED

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**Any other specific or special instruction required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan.**

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